

Claims:

1. A method of disabling the buttons (14, 15, 16) of the keypad of a command transmitter (10) intended to control an appliance, characterized in that it comprises repetitions of the following steps:

- automatic disabling of at least certain buttons (14, 16) of the command transmitter (10) after a command is sent,
- cancellation of the disabling of the buttons (14, 16) through a specific action on the command transmitter (10).

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the disabling is done immediately after a command is sent by the command transmitter (10).

3. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the disabling is done on completion of a timeout triggered after a command is sent by the command transmitter (10).

4. The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the disabling is brought about by the disappearance of a signal transmitted by a sensor for detecting grasping in the hand (18).

5. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the cancellation of the disabling is brought about by a specific manipulation of one or more buttons (15).

6. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the cancellation of the disabling is brought about by an action on a mechanical locking means (19).

7. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the cancellation of the disabling

is brought about by a signal transmitted by a sensor for detecting grasping in the hand (18).

8. A command transmitter (10) comprising a microcontroller (13) connected to buttons (14, 15, 16) and to means for transmitting commands (11, 12), characterized in that it comprises programs allowing the implementation of the method according to claims 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6.

9. The command transmitter (10) as claimed in claim 8 and intended to implement the method as claimed in claim 5 or 7, characterized in that it comprises a sensor of grasping in the hand (18).